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REMARKS

Claims 40-52 are being added. Claims 2-5, 8, 10-11, 13-20, 22 and 24 are being cancelled without prejudice to filing in a later application and only to reduce claims fees. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23 and 38-39 are being amended. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23 and 38-51 will be pending in the application.

The amendment to claims 6, 9, 21, 23 and 38-39 changes dependency to new independent claim

The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by page 7 and as filed claims 20 and 24.

The amendment to claim 6 is supported by pages 8-9.

The amendment to claim 12 is supported by page 9 and as filed claims 13-15.

New claims 40 and 45 are supported by page 7.

New claims 41 and 46 are supported by pages 8-9 and as filed claims 4-5.

New claim 42 is supported by as filed claim 25.

New claim 43 is supported by page 11.

New claim 44 is supported by as filed claim 27.

New claim 47 is supported by is supported by pages 8-9.

New claim 48 is supported by is supported by page 9 and as filed claims 13-15.

New claim 49 is supported by is supported by as filed claim 27.

New claim 50 is supported by is supported by pages 13-14.

New claim 51 is supported by is supported by page 14.

Applicants turn now to the substance of the Action.

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Section 102(b) Rejection:

Claims 1-2, 8-11, 12, 14, 16-17, 20 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,861,458 (Naganawa) for the reasons given at page 3, paragraph 5 of the Action.

Applicants traverse the Section 102(b) rejection.

Naganawa does not teach or suggest the compositions of Applicants' amended claims, for example the functional silane crosslinker components or the functional siloxane components in the independent claims. Thus, the Section 102 rejection should be withdrawn.

Section 103(a) Rejections:

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-17 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,601,641 (Stephens) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,294,007 (Martin) for the reasons given at page 4, paragraph 6 of the Action.

Applicants traverse the Section 103(a) rejections.

Stephens and Martin do not teach or suggest the compositions of Applicants' amended claims, for example the pH of 7-11, less than 5 grams VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) per liter of composition; or room temperature drying of the composition to form an effective mold release coating. Thus, the Section 103 rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections have been overcome, and that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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